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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1891.

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DEATHS.

At Alton, Germany, on the 22nd July, Mrs. J.
Lambert, a widow, and a daughter.
At Alton, on the 18th August, the wife of THOMAS
MCLEAN BOYD, of a son. 1891.
At Shanghai, on the 21st August, the wife of
ADMIRAL JAMES JONES, a daughter.
At Native's Park, the wife of E. JONES
Hussey, a daughter. 1891.
At Shushan, on the 1st August, the wife of
DANIEL CHAPMAN, a daughter.

DEATHS.

On the 21st July, 1891, LORENZO-CHIA, CHIA,
widow of the late Sir JOHN YALE, Chief Justice of
Hongkong, and MARY JONES, his daughter.
At St. George's Hill, in her 77th year.At Wai-ha, the 13th August, WILLIAM COLLINS,
Under-Sheriff Pilot, aged 40 years.At Wai-ha, on the 14th August, HENRY FULLER,
aged 45 years.At Shushan, George Lewis, a native of Cam-
bridge, aged 40 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 26TH, 1891.

AMID the chorus of groans that reverberate
continuously along the Coasts of Asia, the
wall of despairing speculators and the dirge
of falling houses, the local Bank maintains
its serenity. Whatever else may decay and
dissolve it all—enters and solidifies. It is as if the very rotteness of the Eastern
trade were the nutriment of this, the
greatest factor in it, and as if the life-blood
of the commercial community were all
drained into the one wide and ever deepening
pool. We are not concerned for the
moment to clear up the seeming contradiction
that the prosperity of the great Bank
should advance in the inverse ratio of that
of the trade on which it lives. The paradox
is indeed partly solving itself, for in the last
half year we have seen that the fall of certain
business houses has necessitated a call on
the Bank's reserves. So far from this
being an unfavourable symptom of the

health of the institution, we hold it to be
quite the contrary; for nothing could inspire
more well-grounded confidence in the Bank
than to see that it is intimately sympathetic
with its surroundings, rising with the pro-
perty of its clients and also feeling some-
thing of their misfortunes. Our readers
will no doubt remember another financial
institution which went on year after year
paying a monotonous dividend of ten per
cent, while all its neighbours were being
tossed about on the restless waves of com-
mercial vicissitude; and it was a marvellous
thing to observe one concern which was
apparently unaffected by the fluctuations in
Exchange, the depression of silver, or the
severest reactions in general commerce. But,
as the famous *médecin* in Molieres
says, there is everything to be feared in
such excess of health; and the Bank in question
eventually drifted over the precipice
with its ten per cent and all. In dealing
with such vast, almost unimaginable sums
as the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank does,
it is to be handled, it would be the easiest
thing in the world to hide away heavy losses
indefinitely. The credit of the Bank in-
creases its deposits continually, and the
capital and reserves keep swelling up year
by year, to such an extent that the biggest
loss the Bank ever made in a year could,
were the directors so disposed be simply
covered up until it suited the management to
disclose it. The Bank, however, is conducted
on sounder and honester principles, and in
the eyes of cool-headed men the open
abstraction of a million and a quarter of dollars
from the reserves is a better guarantee to
the public than if the disasters of the year
had been passed over with an affectation of
superiority to the contingencies of com-
mercial life.

The remark has been made many times
that the institution of which we are all so
proud is rather too big for the place. Hong-
kong is one of the modern wonders of the
world in many respects than one, but not
even its immense shipping importance is
more wonderful than that this little rock
with its colony of arts crowding round it
should be the parent of such a gigantic
tree overspreading with its branches the
whole of Eastern Asia. That the resources
should have been gathered together, that all the world should have been induced,
and by the most patient of all considerations,
to contribute to the pile, is a thing on which
this Colony may most justly congratulate
itself. It is the best answer to all the
charges which are from time to time laid
against it by its inconsiderate tongue. Surely
less, surprising, however, is it that the
resources of the commercial community
should have proved equal to the manage-
ment of so vast a corporation. It would be
more affectation to ignore the difficulties the
management has had from year to year in
keeping up a full board of directors, without
going out to the highways and hedges to
bring them in. The constitution of the
board, or the "Court" as it is properly
called, has never been above criticism.
There has been a lack of the independence
without which the director can oppose no
check to the proceedings of the manager.
The weak position of some of the firms
whence Bank directors had, *faute de mieux*,
to be drawn was partly accountable for the
unnatural relations between the board and
the Bank managers; while in other cases the
strength and importance of the firm led to
no dissimilar results. Between those who
were influential enough to control the Bank
in their own interests—if they chose to do
so, which we are far from assuming—and
those who sat contentedly at the weekly
meetings receiving the fees with meekness
and anxiety only for one thing, their annual
re-election, the guarantee which the Court
of Directors was intended to furnish to the
shareholders and the public was apt to be
completely attenuated. The control which they
were paid for exercising over the Manager
could only be exercised in a perfidious man-
ner, and as such took place in Hongkong dur-
ing the residence of the author in that colony
while connected with the *Hongkong Daily Press*.

We *Journalists* understand that Mr. CHAR-
LES ALLEN, of the New Eastern Daily Gazette,
Middlesbrough, and late co-secretary of the
Press-Side District of the Institute of Journalists,
is the author of a serial tale entitled "Ain, the
Stone Cutter's Bride," the first chapters of
which appeared last Saturday in the *Spanish
Journal*, and will still to-morrow for this station,
and that the *Morion and Alert*, for the same
destination this week, and three others will shortly
follow for the same Company and trade.

The writer of *Shensi Notes* in the *Daily
Press* has the following—It is said that the
Shapian is not to be published any more. It is
to be feared that the effort to supply a native
paper at Tientsin has resulted in financial fail-
ure. The Chinese have not yet learned to ap-
preciate such a publication. Some of the mis-
directed efforts to induce the Chinese to read
the *Shapian* have failed, and they will be
more effectual to the editor of the *Shapian* than
any other man.

The *British* *Argus* of Liverpool, 14th August,
Captain Vicker, which left Kobe on the 13th August
for Tacoma, was damaged off Awaji, 80 miles from
Kobe, where she is now anchored. Her captain arrived in Kobe on the 18th August.

Mr. Cook, the Kobe agent of the *Hongkong
and Shanghai Bank*, writes to the *Argus* News—
Referring to your to-day's (Aug. 11th) ex-
tract from the *Osaka Asahi Shimbun*, I am glad
to state that your belief in the improbability of
the story is amply justified by the fact that it is
entirely devoid of foundation as regards the al-
leged going of 400,000.

The following item is taken from a Yokohama
paper of the 21st August, and has been
brought to my notice by Mr. L. L. Bonhag,
and the 15th per £100 charged by the
Government of the Naval Bureau at Wash-
ington, which announces that the new cruiser
"Canton" has realised \$21,390 ts. in
the last 18 months. The commission charged
by the *Argus* Agents on supplies is not 6 per cent
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